

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 10/9/17 85 N. MARKET ST. 7PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Walker and Mr. Yokley. (Mr. Todd & Mr. Tyger were absent). Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson, and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the September 25 Development Committee & Regular Council were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Cohen. The September Department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Walker. There were no agenda items.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin reminded Council the Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing will be held on Thursday October 19 at 7:30 pm. The hearing is in reference to a Conditional Use Permit Request from Jasar Recycling.

MAYOR: NO REPORT

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated they are moving forward with the required W. Main St. bridge repairs. MS Consultants knew of only two companies that do they needed types of repairs and one was too busy to give an estimate. The estimate we received came in around \$47,500.00. Monteleone stated we have to proceed, we don't have a choice, he said the repairs will last 3 to 4 years which will give us time to seek funding for the rebuild .

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated he sent Council an article in reference to the medical marijuana licensing, the decisions are supposed to be made in November. He said the article stated the late issuance of the licensing is going to put pressure on the licensees to get things done quickly.

STREET: NO REPORT

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen reminded everyone of the Creepy Hollows Haunted Trail going on at the Park, next week on Oct 14 Leatherface of the Texas Chainsaw Massacre Movies will be there. He also stated he likes seeing all of the residents still using the park in October.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer stated council had previously discussed registering local businesses and the fact that an ordinance already on the books in reference to occupancy permits may cover that issue. He stated the occupancy permits do not address the registering issue. He and the manager discussed starting out with a voluntary registration. He said a definite plan needs put in place. Mr. Cohen stated he feels this is something the Manager can do on his own without legislation. Mr. Yokley stated he feels there will be an issue as to what will define a business (online vs. brick & mortar).

UTILITY: Mr. Todd was absent. Manager Monteleone stated they are proceeding with the final phase of the water meter program. There were 79 meters left to replace, 32 of those were non compliant, 35 or so were foreclosures or properties where the water is off and 12 were homes that had maintenance issues. WW Superintendant John Jurjavcic is going to address the 12 with maintenance issues first and then he will take care of the 32 non compliant in increments of 5. He said they stated in the letters that account that got to this point would have a pay a fee, so that fee will be assessed to their property taxes. Mr. Walker stated he felt the difference in the water production and water billed is staggering.

FINANCE: NO REPORT Mr. Tyger was absent.

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, Terri Ward, Jerry Coblentz, Chief Josh Brown, Chief Jim Brown, Charlsi Lehman, Ashley Mckim, Jim Lynch, Martha Raley, Chuck Raley, John Simon, Jerry Coblentz, and Katie White.

VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION: In reference to the tennis court legislation Manager Monteleone stated there was one bid that came in. The original quote they gave us when we applied for the grant came in under \$100,000.00 (it's a \$50,000.00 matching grant), so a small

tennis wall was added to bring the estimate over \$100,000.00. The actual bid came in at \$122,000.00, he call Vasco and asked them to remove the tennis wall which brought the cost down to \$112,000.00. The legislation tonight is to proceed with the project. After looking over the budget they will take six thousand of the needed twelve thousand from the park and the other six thousand from capital improvement. Monteleone stated he wished the bid had come in right at \$100,000.00 but getting a \$112,000.00 tennis court for \$12,000.00 is very good. He thanked the Nash Foundation and the School for giving the money for the \$50,000.00 matching portion of the grant. In reference to the renaming of the little league field, Mr. Elzer feels we should have some guidelines to go by when someone asks to have something named in honor of someone. Mayor Zuch and Mr. Yokley agreed. Mr. Elzer said one of the primary criteria should be that the person is deceased. Mr. Cohen stated that Council should have the wisdom to know when a request is frivolous or if it someone who has made a contribution to the community.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 25-2017 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance approving the final draft solid waste management plan of the Carroll, Columbiana, and Harrison joint solid waste management district and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Yokley made a motion that suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 25-2017. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y 4 yes to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 26-2017 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the village Manager to accept the bid of Vasco Asphalt Company doing business as Vasco Sports Contractors for the purpose of reconstruction of the tennis courts at the East Palestine Park and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Yokley made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Cohen. Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y. Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 26-2017. Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y. 4 yes to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Res. 17-2017 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution in honor of the donations made by Tony Ferris of time, labor and money to construct the little league baseball field and renaming the little league field the “Tony Ferris Field”.**

ADJOURN: Mr. Elzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH